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UTAH STATE PARKS LIFE JACKET LOANER PROGRAM

Salt Lake City – The Utah State Parks Boating Program, in partnership with the BoatUS Foundation for Boating Safety and Clean Water, offer a Kids Life Jacket Loaner program providing infant, child and youth-sized life jackets at no cost. Life jackets are available at Bear Lake and Utah Lake state parks and may be borrowed for the day or weekend.

Since the program began 13 years ago, loaner life jackets have saved the lives of at least three children. With more than 500 loaner sites around the country, it is estimated BoatUS Foundation life jackets are loaned more than 90,000 times a year.

Utah law requires children 12 years of age and younger to wear a properly sized and Coast Guard approved life jacket while they are on a boat. National statistics indicate that nearly 80 percent of people who drowned in boating accidents would have survived if they had worn life jackets. A boating accident can happen at any time. It is a good, safe boating practice to always wear your life jacket.

To learn how to fit a life jacket to a child, please visit

www.boatus.com/foundation/LJLP/fit_video.asp . For information on boating in Utah, contact Utah State Parks at stateparks.utah.gov or call (801) 538-BOAT.

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POTTERY WORKSHOPS AT FREMONT INDIAN STATE PARK AND MUSEUM

Sevier – Fremont Indian State Park and Museum hosts two pottery workshops June 18 to 20 and September 10 to 12. Participants learn how to make pottery as the ancient Fremont Indians did. Through one-on-one instruction, local artists teach methods of pottery making, and decorating and firing in a rock-lined pit.

Fee is \$60 per class and clay and tools are available for sale. Pre-registration is required. For more information or to register, please call (435) 527-4631.

Fremont Indian State Park and Museum is located 21 miles south of Richfield on I-70.

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CAMPSITES STILL AVAILABLE FOR MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND

Salt Lake City – With Memorial Day Weekend just two weeks away, it's not too late to reserve a campsite at a Utah state park. The following parks have campsites available for the big weekend, but are filling quickly: Bear Lake, Deer Creek, Rock Cliff at Jordanelle, Scofield, Starvation, Utah Lake, Wasatch Mountain, and Yuba.

To make a reservation or for more information, please call (801) 322-3770 from within the Salt Lake calling area and (800) 322-3770 from outside the area or visit www.stateparks.utah.gov.

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UPCOMING UTAH STATE PARKS EVENTS

June 8 Frontier Homestead State Park Museum – Cedar City
Children's Story Time: Join us at 12:30 p.m. for stories and crafts, which are geared toward preschool-age children and their parents. (435) 586-9290

June 8 Territorial Statehouse State Park Museum - Fillmore
Friends of Territorial: Friends of Territorial Statehouse State Park and Museum and Statehouse employees are recruiting members to become friends of the museum. Join us at 7 p.m. (435) 743-5316

June 9 Frontier Homestead State Park Museum – Cedar City
Hands-On History: Children age six to 12 can learn all about rope, how it was made, and what it was used for during early-American pioneer life. Program begins at 10:30 a.m. and registration is required. (435) 586-9290

June 11 Anasazi State Park Museum - Boulder
Film: Enjoy the screening of the film *Theremin - An Electronic Odyssey* at 7 p.m. (435) 335-7308

June 12 Antelope Island State Park - Syracuse
Volunteers Needed for Weed Control: Join us at park headquarters near the bison corrals for weed control at 8 a.m. Please bring sunscreen, water, and snacks. (801) 807-9456, (801) 209-4678 or jolenehatch@utah.gov

June 12 Wasatch Mountain State Park - Midway
Huber Grove History Tour: Tour historic Huber Grove from 10 to 11 a.m. Visit this beautiful, peaceful area and learn about nature on the ranch. Tour is free and open to all. (435) 654-1791

June 12 Anasazi State Park Museum - Boulder
Theremin Presentation and Demonstration: Join musician Matthew Hepworth at 7

p.m. for a presentation and demonstration with a Theremin, an early electronic musical instrument. (435) 335-7308

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